

Government Railways.

COURTING MEETING AT BOOTHY HILL.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 24th and 25th MAY.

On the above dates a SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAIN will leave Sydney for Boothy Hill as under:-

8.30 a.m. — 8.30 a.m. Boothy Hill, dep. 8.30 a.m.

Boothy Hill, arr. 10.15 a.m. Sydney, arr. 10.15 a.m.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS TO BOOTHY HILL

will be issued by the 9.15 a.m. Special Train (above) to stations and intermediate stations, available for return on Monday, 26th May.

Handbills and further particulars from Stationmasters.

By order of the Commissioners.

H. MCLACHLAN, Secretary.

Amusement.

LYCEUM THEATRE. T. H. EASTMAN, Manager and Misses, WILLIAM ANDERSON, Julia, Grand, and WEEK, 2d WEEK, 2d WEEK.

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Public Notices.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Books in the City of Sydney and the County of Cumberland will be CLEARED after the 1st of June, 1901, under the State-Holiday Act, 1900, at noon on SUNDAY, 25th MAY, 1901.
Sydney, 25th May, 1901.

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ASSOCIATED WAREHOUSEMEN OF SYDNEY.

The following Members of the above Association have invited me to dine with them in honour of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, as follows:

TUESDAY, 28th MAY, from 1 o'clock p.m.
MUNICIPAL HOTEL, Pitt-street, Sydney.

Wednesday, 29th MAY,
Meals, Alcock Room.
Messrs. Henry Bell and Co., Ltd.
Messrs. J. G. Bell and Co., Ltd.
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ARTHUR F. LORD,
Secretary.

20 Grosvenor, St., Sydney.
25th May, 1901.

MELBOURNE EIGHT-HOURS ART UNION, 1901.
DRAWN MONDAY, MAY 20, 1901, AT TRADES HALL, MELBOURNE, 7.30 P.M.
LINE OF WINNING NUMBERS.

No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
100,116	37	500,100	100	100,000	100
100,220	76	500,200	110	500,000	60,000
100,324	37	500,320	76	500,000	60,000
100,428	41	500,420	110	500,000	60,000
100,532	71	500,530	76	500,000	60,000
100,636	71	500,630	76	500,000	60,000
100,740	71	500,740	76	500,000	60,000
100,844	71	500,840	76	500,000	60,000
100,948	71	500,940	76	500,000	60,000
100,052	69	500,050	100	500,000	60,000
100,156	69	500,150	100	500,000	60,000
100,260	69	500,260	100	500,000	60,000
100,364	69	500,360	100	500,000	60,000
100,468	69	500,460	100	500,000	60,000
100,572	69	500,570	100	500,000	60,000
100,676	69	500,670	100	500,000	60,000
100,780	69	500,780	100	500,000	60,000
100,884	69	500,880	100	500,000	60,000
100,988	69	500,980	100	500,000	60,000
100,092	69	500,090	100	500,000	60,000
100,196	69	500,190	100	500,000	60,000
100,200	69	500,200	100	500,000	60,000
100,304	69	500,300	100	500,000	60,000
100,408	69	500,400	100	500,000	60,000
100,512	69	500,510	100	500,000	60,000
100,616	69	500,610	100	500,000	60,000
100,720	69	500,720	100	500,000	60,000
100,824	69	500,820	100	500,000	60,000
100,928	69	500,920	100	500,000	60,000
100,032	69	500,030	100	500,000	60,000
100,136	69	500,130	100	500,000	60,000
100,240	69	500,240	100	500,000	60,000
100,344	69	500,340	100	500,000	60,000
100,448	69	500,440	100	500,000	60,000
100,552	69	500,550	100	500,000	60,000
100,656	69	500,650	100	500,000	60,000
100,760	69	500,760	100	500,000	60,000
100,864	69	500,860	100	500,000	60,000
100,968	69	500,960	100	500,000	60,000
100,072	69	500,070	100	500,000	60,000
100,176	69	500,170	100	500,000	60,000
100,280	69	500,280	100	500,000	60,000
100,384	69	500,380	100	500,000	60,000
100,488	69	500,480	100	500,000	60,000
100,592	69	500,590	100	500,000	60,000
100,696	69	500,690	100	500,000	60,000
100,700	69	500,700	100	500,000	60,000
100,804	69	500,800	100	500,000	60,000
100,908	69	500,900	100	500,000	60,000
100,012	69	500,010	100	500,000	60,000
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that parts of New South Wales and Queensland were settled and developed by Victorians, who had also opened up and worked the goldfields of Western Australia. New South Wales, he said, had in three years imported £1,340,000 worth of dairy products, but William McMillan asked the house-mover to pay for the goods. New South Wales obtained the money to pay for the goods, "but it came in charges from the Government banks, and a voice in the front added that the money came from the proceeds of land sales. Sir William McMillan quietly informed Mr. McLean that New South Wales customers could not be expected to grow cabbages—a remark that excited the ribaldry of the House. Mr. McLean thought that the proceeds of land sales should not be treated as revenue, but should be placed in a sinking fund for the reduction of the national debt. Victoria was doing that, he said, but he was reminded that the state budget was locked after the house had been adjourned.

Mr. Fowler, as the representative of the majority of the Western Australians, protested against the speech in the Governor-General's speech to that State and its alleged slowness about entering the federation. Mr. Glynn made a lengthy speech, in the course of which he gave several times into words, conflict with the Premier.

Mr. Dugald Thomson (N.S.W.) made a strong free-trade speech, and filed in the till the dinner adjournment. After dinner, Mr. Mayo spoke for half an hour, concluding himself entirely to the fiscal question. Sir William McMillan rose at 6 o'clock. After adjourning the Adjournment debate, he moved to consider the interests of the whole of Australia. He took up the discussion of free-trade and protection. The Commonwealth, he said, by distance and geographical position, enjoyed a large amount of national protection. He pointed out that less than £20,000,000 worth was produced under protection, and yet for the sake of benefiting the people engaged in this production it was proposed to tax them. In this production it was proposed to tax those in other industries producing £100,000,000 worth. He pointed out that the manufacturers began to discriminate as to the amount of ad valorem duty, then the tariff became protective. Sir William McMillan attributed the present difficulties of New South Wales, in every line of Mr. Coghlan's "Seven Colonies," to the freedom of the ports. He characterized ad valorem duties as obnoxious. He declared that so long as he remained a member of Parliament, he would struggle not merely to reduce duties, but mainly to fight against the trans-continental railway, and that if the water-cast were attached to the train it might be possible to grow some herbage or vegetables. This prophecy caused Sir John Forrest to laugh heartily. He said a graceful tribute to the earnestness and conscientiousness of the protectionists as well as free-traders. He affirmed his intention of fighting for the ideal of a lifetime, and it was evident at the conclusion of the speech, which was marked by many eloquent passages, that a great impression had been made upon the House.

Mr. Watson, a member of the labour party, discussed the social legislation devised by his party, but threw no additional light on its intentions. While he favoured a protective policy, he said that the most important taxation measure was a difference to the workers and the taxpayers, who paid about the same amount under an system.

Sir John Forrest spoke and a continual fusillade of interruptions from the Opposition cross benches. Repeating to interject as Mr. Cook, of New South Wales, Sir John asked if it was the leader of the Opposition. "I would not stand it if I were leader," he said. After this salvo the House grew hilarious; and when Sir John proceeded to say that even if the Government of Western Australia had been of a despotic character, good legislation had been passed, the last sentence was almost lost in the laughter which greeted the first part of the speech.

The House adjourned at 7.30 p.m., and John Forrest sat in a pie, urged with much enthusiasm, for the transcontinental railway, which, he said, would bind the eastern and western portions of the continent together in an indissoluble chain. Mr. Wilks (New South Wales) moved the adjournment of the debate, and at 2.30 to-morrow, Thursday.

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